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# Smith, Notified Of Nomination, Praises Record

## Governor Defends Administration, Attacks Republican Majority in Legislature

### Duty to State Emphasized

#### Enters the Campaign With a Definite and Progressive Program Ready, He Says

ALBANY, Sept. 24.—A vigorous defense of his administration, praise for his party associates in the Legislature and criticism of the Republican legislative majority were contained in Governor Smith's speech of acceptance when formally notified of his nomination as Democratic gubernatorial candidate to-day.

Not only was the Governor formally told of the honor conferred upon him by his party, but other state officers, as well as Lieutenant Governor Harry C. Walker, the party's nominee for United States Senator, also were informed.

Previous to the ceremonies an old-fashioned political parade, with bands and drum corps, and including in its ranks a delegation of the Republican New York City admirers, marched through the principal streets of the city.

The official notification address was delivered by the Hon. J. H. W. Smith, who made the notification speech at the beginning of Governor Smith's campaign two years ago. Governor Smith and Lieutenant Governor Walker responded.

**Smith Tells of Program**

Governor Smith, in accepting the nomination, said that he entered upon the campaign "with a definite and progressive program" which he had worked out with the "ability, strength and force" that he had been able to bring to his command.

For the part of his program which remains unaccomplished he said the state must fall upon the Republican majority in the Legislature, "for their stubborn, persistent and willful attitude of opposition."

"The great problems which confront the state," he said, "are above the party and political party. National issues may have their important place, but after they are solved we have our own problems right at home in our own state. We live here. We do not live elsewhere. We work here and we must live under our own laws."

**The Republican Nominee**

"The men to whom Judge Miller must look for assistance are the men who wrote his platform and are the same men who stood in the way of progressive legislation. They are the men he must cooperate with, using his own language, and if they have been willing, as they undoubtedly have, to sacrifice the best interests of the state to partisan advantage in my administration, what reason has he to expect that they will be any different under him?"

"The Legislature is supposed to represent the people," he said. "I have been able to get from it popular measures only where I have been able to get public opinion to force itself into its deliberations."

**Republican Action Attacked**

"We are not entering this campaign on the defensive. We have nothing to defend. It is our portion to boast proudly of actual achievement. It is for the majority party in the Legislature, the men responsible for the platform and for the legislative performances of the last year, to make what excuses they can. And that record is such that even a lawyer of Judge Miller's ability can make no public defense of it."

"I am prepared to reverse the old order of political campaigning because I enter the campaign with a clear-cut progressive record and I challenge my opponents to find fault with it. I declare that the explaining for the shortcomings of the last year and a half will rest entirely with the men who have opposed my measures and my administration."

In reviewing his last two years as chief executive the Governor said that when he entered upon his duties he did so with the determination that every action, thought and effort would be put forth with "an eye single to the best interests of the State of New York" and approached his relations with the Legislature in the broadest spirit of cooperation.

Work of the Reconstruction Commission, appointed by him, was praised. Some of the legislation enacted during his administration, to which the Governor called special attention, was the \$40,000,000 educational bill, the largest appropriation for that purpose ever signed in the state. Reorganization of the Public Service Commission for the first District also was mentioned.

**Scenario Writer Convicted**

Strader To Be Sentenced Monday for Using Mails to Defraud

George Strader, a scenario writer, of 300 Broadway, was convicted yesterday in the United States District Court of using the mails to defraud by representing himself as one in a position to bring wealth to persons with ideas adaptable to the screen if they would let him market their manuscripts.

Persons attracted by Strader's offer were in court yesterday as witnesses. They came from Arkansas, Maine, Virginia and Connecticut to testify that after they had sent their stories to Strader they had received letters suggesting that they send him \$10 to remunerate him for putting the manu-

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# The Stage Door

## The postponed premiere of "Marry the Poor Girl," a new farce by Owen Davis, takes place at the Little Theatre to-night.

### The Yiddish dramatic version of "The Kreutzer Sonata" will be presented to-night at the Jewish Art Theater, with Rudolph Schildkraut in the leading role.

#### E. Ray Goetz's "Piccadilly to Broadway" company, which is to present an Anglo-American musical revue, leaves to-day for Atlantic City, where the piece will open Monday night. Johnny Dooley, Anna Wheaton, Clifton Webb and Morris Harvey, a London comedian, will head the cast.

"Cinderella on Broadway" will close its engagement at the Winter Garden to-night and open Monday in Philadelphia. The Winter Garden will be dark until Wednesday, when "Broadway Brevities" opens.

Maurice Schwartz has put into rehearsal at the Irving Place Theater a posthumous play by Sholom Aleichem, the Yiddish writer.

The usual concerts will be given to-morrow evening at the Winter Garden, the Central Theater and the Century Promenade.

William Faversham will open his season Monday evening in Montreal with "The Prince and the Pauper."

Senator Henry Wolcott, of Colorado, was host to a party at the Broadhurst Theater last night for the performance of his niece, Helen Wolcott, leading woman in "The Guest of Honor."

James W. Cody has been made stage manager of the Century Promenade.

Charles McNaughton, who will be remembered as one of the Three Musketeers in "The Better Ole," is cast for another cockney role in "Three Live Ghosts," which opens at the Greenwich Village Theater next week.

Mona Morgan will appear in leading female roles with Walter Hampden's Shakespearean company this season.

**Colonel Roosevelt to Speak for Harding in Flint and Detroit**

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who recently completed a Western speaking tour in the interest of Senator Harding, will speak at Flint, Mich., next Monday, Republican national committee headquarters announced to-day. Following a noon meeting there he will speak at Detroit Monday night and at Toledo Tuesday night.

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# Bergdoll Trial Is Halted for Search For Fugitive Son

## Federal Men, Hearing Draft Evader Was in Courtroom, Compel Spectators to Pass Out in Single File

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 24.—A report that Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, fugitive draft dodger, has been attending sessions of the trial of his mother, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll and four co-defendants, charged with conspiracy to aid Grover and Erwin Bergdoll to evade the draft, resulted in a careful search to-day among the crowds which filled the courtroom.

Spectators at the trial were forced to march in single file out of the building.

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Relatives of his disappearance as June 2, when he attended a family picnic at a beach resort.

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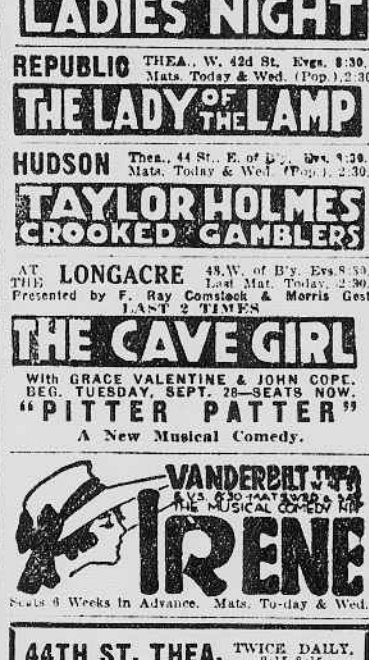
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